

Statement of Reasons

Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on White Down Lane, Abinger

It is proposed to reduce the existing 60mph/derestricted speed limit to a 30mph speed limit on the following section of the C43 White Down Lane, Abinger.

From the junction with the A25 Guildford Road, Abinger to the junction with C44 Crocknorth Road, Effingham.

1. The section of White Down Lane, Abinger described above is classed as a derestricted road under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
2. The member for the Dorking Hill Electoral Division of Surrey County Council has raised concerns about the existing 60mph/derestricted speed limit on White Down Lane, Abinger and has requested that the speed limit is reduced.
3. A speed survey was carried out in White Down Lane and the results of the speed survey complied with our policy "Setting Local Speed Limits" for a signs alone speed limit reduction to 30mph. The Police do not object to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on White Down Lane to 30mph.
4. The Highway Operation & Commissioning Manager, under delegated authority, has agreed that the speed limit on this section of White Down Lane should be reduced from 60mph/derestricted to 30mph.
5. Guidance from the Department for Transport emphasises that research into signed alone reductions in speed limits does lead to small reductions in traffic speeds. Therefore, signed alone speed limit reductions are most appropriate where measured traffic speeds are close to the proposed speed limits. The measured speeds on White Down Lane are close to the proposed speed limit of 30mph. Research has shown that if average speeds fall by 1mph then the collision rate will fall by approximately 5%.
6. It is proposed to reduce the speed limit on the section of White Down Lane listed above from 60mph/derestricted to 30mph in order to reduce both traffic speeds and reduce the number of collisions.